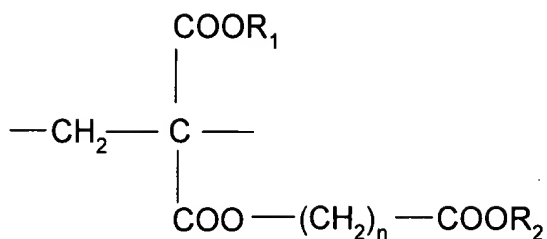


consisting of:

- a homopolymer comprising recurring units of formula (I):



in which R₁ represents an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms or a (CH₂)_m-COOR₃ group in which m is an integer between 1 and 5 and R₃ represents an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, R₂ represents an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, and n is an integer between 1 and 5;

- a random copolymer comprising different recurring units of formula (I); and

- a random copolymer consisting essentially of units of formula (I).

~~2~~ 12. The copolymer according to claim ~~11~~, wherein the sequence having a hydrophobic character comprises recurring units of formula (I) in which:

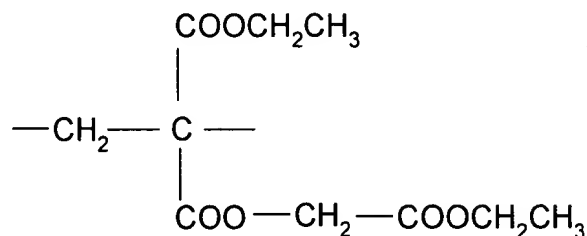
R₁ represents an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms;

R₂ represents an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms;

and

n is 1.

13. The copolymer according to claim 11, wherein the sequence having a hydrophobic character comprises recurring units of formula:



14. The copolymer according to claim 11, wherein the sequence having a hydrophilic character is selected from the group consisting of a poly(oxyethylene), a poly(vinyl alcohol), a poly(vinylpyrrolidone), a poly(N-2 hydroxypropyl methacrylamide), a poly(hydroxyethyl methacrylate), a hydrophilic poly(amino acid) and a polysaccharide.

15. The copolymer according to claim 13, wherein the sequence having a hydrophilic character is selected from the group consisting of a poly(oxyethylene), a poly(vinyl alcohol), a poly(vinylpyrrolidone), a poly(N-2 hydroxypropyl methacrylamide), a poly(hydroxyethyl methacrylate), a hydrophilic poly(amino acid) and a polysaccharide.

16. The copolymer according to claim 14, having a structure selected from the group consisting of a block structure and a grafted structure.

17. The copolymer according to claim 11, having a content by weight of the sequence having a hydrophobic character of between 5 and 95%.

18. The copolymer according to claim 11, having a content by weight of the sequence having a hydrophobic character of between 10 and 90%.

19. The copolymer according to claim 11, wherein the total molar mass of sequences having a hydrophobic character is between 1,000 and 80,000 g/mol.

20. The copolymer according to claim 11, wherein the total molar mass of sequences having a hydrophobic character is between 1,000 and 50,000 g/mol.

21. An agent for treating the surface of materials or biomaterials comprising the copolymer according to claim 11.

22. A process for preparing a composition selected from the group consisting of micellar systems and emulsions, comprising incorporating a biocompatible copolymer according to claim 11.--

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REMARKS

This preliminary amendment has been filed in order to eliminate all multiple dependencies in the claims of this national phase application based on International application No. PCT/FR99/00185.

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